

Dent/Meadows Proposal - Federal Unemployment Extension/Job Growth

“Generating Real Opportunities for Workers and Transitional Help Act” or the “GROWTH Act”.

- I. Extension of Tier 1 Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits – (Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits expired at the end of calendar year 2013)
 - a. Extend Tier 1 for an additional 12 months.
 - b. Reform the program by limiting number of weeks to a total of 14 weeks.
- II. Pro-growth/Job Creating
 - a. **Approval of the Keystone Pipeline** – authorize work to proceed on Keystone XL pipeline
 - i. H.R. 3, the *Northern Route Approval Act* - passed the House on May 4, 2012 - Presidential permit shall not be required to proceed according to the application submitted by TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. to the Department of State for the Keystone XL pipeline.
 - ii. According to the latest Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), the State Department found “the proposed Project would potentially support approximately 42,100 average annual jobs across the United States over a 1-to 2- year construction period” which could translate to “approximately \$2.05 billion in earnings.”
 - b. **Repeal of the Medical Device Tax**
 - i. H.R. 523, the *Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2013* (Rep. Paulsen).
 - ii. Saves an estimated 43,000 jobs that are at risk in the medical device industry if the medical device tax is allowed to remain in place.
 - c. **40 hour work week** – Modify the health care law’s formula for defining a full-time employee from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week.
 - i. H.R. 2575, the *Save American Workers Act of 2013* (Rep. Todd Young)
 - ii. H.R. 2988, the *Forty Hours Is Full Time Act of 2013* (Rep. Lipinski)

III. Job Promotion/Training

- a. Allow Labor Secretary to allocate discretionary funds to conduct in-person reemployment and unemployment insurance eligibility determinations (Portman Amendment)
 - i. Provide individuals eligible for unemployment compensation access to re-employment assessments through centers like One-Stop Career shops for appropriate job training programs.
 - ii. President Obama proposed increasing funds for these services his budget, on the ground that they provide a net-saving to taxpayers because less UI benefits are collected.

IV. Offsets

a. Eliminate the ability of people collect from both U.I and disability

- i. Proposal prohibits people from claiming both disability and unemployment benefits
- ii. Saves \$5.4 billion over 10 yrs.

b. Crack down on fraudulent Child Tax Credit claims

- i. Currently, a valid Social Security number is not needed to claim the Child Tax Credit
- ii. Proposal requires a valid Social Security number before a person can claim the Child Tax Credit